

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
Vice Chair  
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Dear Governor Hogan and Governor Cuomo:

In the absence of a nationwide stay-at-home order, we write to request that you consider implementing critical COVID-19 mitigation measures, like stay-at-home orders, in all 50 states. Without treatments and a vaccine, aggressive and enforced social distancing is our only means to slow the spread of COVID-19 and save American lives.

As this pandemic has the potential to overburden our health care system, cause a significant number of American deaths, and continue to stifle our already-stagnating economy, many governors have already taken significant action to encourage their residents to follow the advice of our public health experts and limit the spread of COVID-19. States like California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin have implemented their own actions to advise their residents to stay at home.

While it is our understanding that these orders will cover about half of our nation's population, mitigation is most effective with 100 percent participation.

We believe instituting stay-at-home orders nationwide is the best way to reduce the spread of this disease while maintaining flexibility for residents to access essential services such as grocery stores, food banks, take-out and delivery restaurants, pharmacies, health care facilities, gas stations, and laundromats and keeping critical infrastructure sectors open, including businesses and contractors that are involved in vital supply chains. We hope that you will consider using your roles as Chair and Vice Chair of the National Governors Association to work with other governors to issue stay-at-home orders and promote public health best practices across our nation.

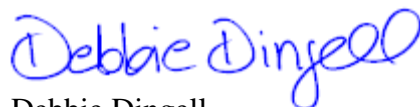
While such orders certainly take a temporary toll on our daily lives as well as our national economy, we believe that it is the only way we can slow the spread of COVID-19, ensure our health care system is well equipped to handle this outbreak, and minimize long-term, devastating harm to our economy. Expanding these stay-at-home orders nationwide will save lives and accelerate a return to normalcy.

We look forward to working with you to address this ongoing pandemic. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



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